

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 16277 of Christopher J. Utulu, as amended, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107.2, for a variance from the use provisions of Subsection 350.6 to establish a retail clothing store on the first floor in a DCOD/R-5-B District at premises 1810 Florida Avenue, N.W. (Lot 51, in Square 131).

HEARING DATE: November 5, 1997
DECISION DATE: November 5, 1997 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

The Board provided proper and timely notice of public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The notice given by the Board advertised the relief sought in the case as a special exception under Subsection 2003.1 and in the alternative a variance from the use provisions of Subsection 350.6.

The Board determined that since the store's clientele would not basically come from the neighborhood, the store could not be considered a neighborhood facility, therefore, a special exception relief would not be appropriate. Consequently, the application was heard as a use variance.

The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 1C. ANC 1C, which is automatically a party to this application, submitted a written statement of issues and concerns in support of the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR 3324.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements which are necessary to establish the case for a variance from the strict application of the requirements of 11 DCMR 2001.3(a) (b) and (c) and 2300.2(a). No person or entity appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this application or otherwise requested to participate as a party in this proceeding. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

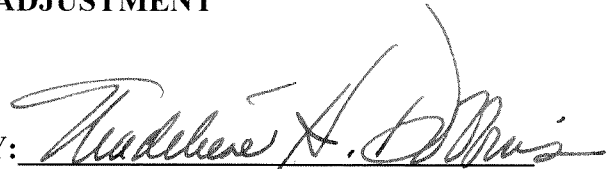
Based upon the record before the Board, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107, that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property which creates a practical difficulty for the owner in complying with the Zoning Regulations, and that the requested relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application be **GRANTED**.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR 3301.1, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR 3331.1 that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case.

VOTE: 3-0 (Betty King, Sheila Cross Reid and Susan Morgan Hinton to grant; Laura M. Richards not present, not voting).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY:


MADELIENE H. DOBBINS
Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: NOV 24 1997

PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE SEC. 1-2531 (1987), SECTION 267 OF D.C. LAW 2-38, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS D.C. CODE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 25 (1987), AND THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE PROVISIONS. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER.

UNDER 11 DCMR 3103.1, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

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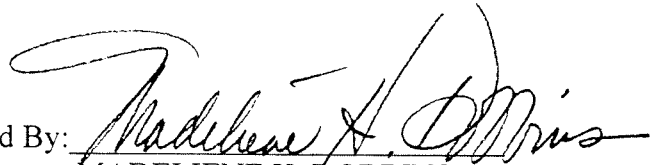
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As Director of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, I hereby certify and attest to the fact that on
NOV 24 1997 a copy of the order entered on that date in this matter was
mailed postage prepaid to each person who appeared and participated in the public hearing
concerning this matter, and who is listed below:

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MADELIENE H. DOBBINS
Director

Date: NOV 24 1997

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